

*Prayer Book for the Armed Services*  
Sample Letter

This sample letter is provided as a guide for you to create your own personalized letters. The focus of this letter is to support your efforts in providing this valuable resource for those serving our country, the families of those serving, and the veterans who have served. This letter is also meant as a starting point in any special-giving program you wish to pursue.

Dear Friends,

We are indebted to the men and women who bravely serve our nation in the armed forces. Whether they are in an active war zone or in support positions removed from the front, they often find themselves far from home and in dangerous situations. This is difficult for the families, friends, and congregations who support them. It is a time when we seek protection, strength, and comfort from God. With this in mind, a prayer book for the armed services has recently been developed, the first of its kind among Lutherans since World War II.

*Prayer Book for the Armed Services* is the result of collaborative effort with chaplains and other service members. This new resource was created for not only active military members and veterans, but pastors, congregations, friends, and families of those who serve as well. For those who bravely serve, who have served, and for their support network at home, this prayer book is a companion and guide to prayer and Christian faith in often difficult circumstances.

This fall, we will supply copies to those serving at home and abroad and for veterans and families in our congregation. Until that time, we will be taking special offerings to help us with the purchase of this new resource. As you prepare to support our men and women who are bravely serving or have served through the gift of this resource, I invite you to respond with a grateful heart.

God be with you as you pray and meditate on the commitment you will make.

Joyfully,

[Pastor and/or worship chair and/or stewardship chair]